

LETTER FROM DUBLIN;

Of April the Second.

Giving an Account of the posture of Affairs there ; as also of the numbers of the French that are Landed in that Kingdom, and of the Irish that are sent over to France ; with several other important Matters.

Liverpoole, April 12. 1690.

Licensed, April 16. 1690.

SIR,
Willing to accommodate you with what News we have, I thought fit to give you an Account of the following Letter that came from *Dublin* by an unknown Hand to one Mr. *Trimbel*, in the Vessel which lately made her escape from *Dublin*.

Dublin, April 2. 1690. Our Account of the French Supplies are different, it is certain there are but Four Regiments, one Red, one Blew, and two White, and the most they pretend is 1400 Men in a Regiment. The Supplies of Stores are 1000 Barrels of Powder, Ten Field Pieces, Four Mortars, with Bombs, Corcases, Ball, and other Necessaries for War, as Pistols, Swords, &c. the quantity not known. They are Eight Battalions, whereof Four are *Switzers* and *Walloons*, and other Strangers, as several German Prisoners, and about 300 *English*, *Irish* and *Scotch*. That the Lord *Hunsdon* had been with K. J. at *Cork* near two Months, in order to take the *English*, *Irish* and *Scotch* that came from *France* into his Regiment, but Lieutenant General *Layson* would not suffer him to have a Man. That one of the French Regiments is as far as *Waterford* on their March, and stay there till they hear how we move.

There is already Shipt aboard the French Fleet Five Regiments of *Irish* design'd for *France*, viz. *Mack-Carty's*, Coll. *Brown's*, Coll. *Charles O Bryan's*, Coll. *Butler's*, and Coll. *Fielding's*, all Foot. They say they forc'd some Protestants Aboard the *Irish*, they running away so fast. Their Eight Regiments of Dragoons are in a very bad condition, as also Four Regiments of Horse are worse. For

a Barrel of Oates being sold in *Dublin* for Twenty Shillings, and but
 few to be had, they feed their Horses with Grain and Pease-straw,
 and their Work-horses are so weak, that Carriages are not to be had.
 Their Spring comes on apace about *Dublin*, and if Grass can be had
 their numbers will make them more formidable; at present they are
 in a very ill condition, and three Weeks hence will be worse. A
 Price is set on Bread in *Dublin*, but with this difference, that a Loaf
 they would formerly sell for three Pence is now sold for a Shilling,
 and also instead of being all Wheat, it is compos'd of Wheat, Pease
 and Barley; and it is a melancholly sight to see the Bakers Houses
 so throng'd and beset with People, and oftentimes can't get Bread
 in three or four days. The Lord *Dunganon's* House called *Young's*
Castle is quite demolish'd, and the Timber thereof carried to the Ca-
 stle to make Fuel, and all the Trees and Hedges in and about the
Phoenix in the Deer Park are cut down, and the Deer, which were
 above 2000 Brace were destroyed; they say it is to save the Grass
 for a Campaign.

March 20. Died *Marshal de Coe* Governour of *Drogheda*; also
 Coll. *Motles*, and their Forces at *Dundalk*, *Ardee*, *Cavan* Castle,
Blany and *Drogheda* are in a bad condition, dying in great numbers
 for want of Provision, and other Conveniences; there were at *Ar-*
dee 300 sick at once the last Week. Coll. *Sarsfield* is come from
 the Borders of *Cavan*, and Brigadier *Hamilton*, and the Lord *Gal-*
moy is going to Govern there; *Sarsfield* is falln sick since he came to
Dublin. The death of Coll. *Nugent* is much lamented by the *Irish*
 being a fit Instrument for any Barbarity; he was killed at *Cavan*
 with many Brave stout Fellows; the *English* being not half their
 numbers, always routed and killed abundance, though the *Irish*
 were all pickt Men. The Duke of *Berwick* was there, and had two
 Horses shot under him; he said he feared the *Irish* would never
 stand, seeing they so often run away at *Cavan* upon such considera-
 ble Advantages.

Sir *Cloudesty Shovel* is gone from *Hughblake* with Money to pay the
 Army; and it is written from *Lisnegarry*, that *Schomberg* will Attacke
Charlemont as soon as the Money comes, all things being already
 carried down there for that Expedition: Not to enlarge, but my
 Wife joins with me in giving you and Sister our best Respects,
 which is all from

Your most Affectionate
 Robert Johnson.

Advertisement.

There is publisht a New Play, Entituled, The late Revolution,
 or the Happy Change: A Tragi Comedy. As it was Acted
 throughout the *English* Dominions in the Year 1688. Written by
 Person of Quality. Sold by Richard Baldwin in the Old Bailey.